

# FREE PRESS.

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## TO ADVERTISERS.

The FREE PRESS is a leading local newspaper, the best advertising medium, and has the largest circulation in San Marcos and the surrounding country. It is a live paper, devoted to the development and progress of the country. The Jeffersonian Democratic in politics, San Marcos, the county seat, is a growing town of some 2000 inhabitants. It is situated on the International and Great Northern Railroad, running from St. Louis via Austin, the capital of the State, and San Antonio, her largest city, into Mexico. San Marcos is thirty miles from Austin and fifty miles from San Antonio. It is noted for its religious and educational privileges, and as the center of a splendid agricultural and stock country and excellent community; also for the celebrated springs, half a mile above, which boil up from the bowels of the earth at the foot of the mountains, forming the San Marcos river, and constituting a once a great natural curiosity and luxurious table water power. It already has water-works, an ice-factory, several mills, etc.

The FREE PRESS has been published by its present proprietor for thirteen years. It is well established, and gaining steadily in public favor. Especial attention is called to the character of its circulation. It goes among the best class of well-to-do farmers and business men. In this respect it has no superior in the State. Write for advertising rates.

L. L. Foster, late editor of the Dallas Herald, appears as Gen. Ross as Commissioner of Insurance, etc.

The father of General Ross was 76 years old the day his son was inaugurated governor of Texas. He was present on that occasion.

We would suggest that San Marcos would be a very suitable place for the location of the proposed House of Correction and Reformatory, should it be established by law.

The remains of James Lick, the California philanthropist, have been placed in the vault of the observatory which he has given to science for the benefit of humanity. The structure is thus made at once a monument and a legacy.

The bill to pension soldiers of the Mexican war has at last become a law. It allows them eight dollars per month from and after its passage, which was on the 18th inst. The first payment will not be made until the expiration of three months from the date of the law.

There is no longer the shadow of a doubt as to the existence of great suffering in the drought region. The people of San Marcos we believe have been misled by contrary statements, so as to have done little or nothing. It is high time they were waking up to their duty in this matter. More anon.

Civil service reform of the President Cleveland style does not appear to be in favor with the new administration in this State, and here it is democratic against democratic. Almost immediately after the new governor's inauguration Dr. Dutton and Mr. Shapard, Superintendent of the Lunatic and Blind Asylums; Gen. Dev. of the Department of Insurance, and History, and others, were superseded. A good deal of dissatisfaction was caused by the appointment of Dr. Rutherford over Dr. Swearingen as health officer.

We see it suggested by advocates of a protective tariff in Texas, as a reason in their favor, that such places as Atlanta, Ga., and Birmingham, Ala., owe their prosperity to this cause. Doubtless this is true to a large degree. But we have it from the best authority that the mass of the people in those States are suffering a degree of squalid poverty unknown in Texas. What shall be thought of a system which gives wealth to the few at the expense of the many? Yet such is the general distinguishing characteristic of the tariff.

The Cherryvale, Kansas, Republic can well say: A good business man, simply as a matter of business, will seek upon a standing advertisement such as an attractive sign, and it is much that way. You might as well take a sign as to take an attractive advertisement, to say nothing of the name you give your city if you do not patronize your home paper.

# SAN MARCOS IN LUCK!

Not a "Boom" But Something a Great Deal Better.

Another Railroad in Near Prospect, and a Third Confidently Anticipated.

We rejoice to say that we have the best kind of news for San Marcos. We shall not belittle it by giving it the misnomer of a "boom." Webster defines the word boom, (noun) as "a hollow roar;" the same (verb) "to rush with violence." The term therefore is clearly misapplied to the healthy, normal progress of a city or community, such as San Marcos and surrounding country are now entering upon. But to the facts:

A committee of our leading citizens lately went to Austin to confer with Mr. Hooper, representing the Gould lines, who made the distinct proposition that if our people would secure the right of way from Lockhart to this place, we should have an extension of the Missouri Pacific from Bastrop via Lockhart to this place, and that the work should begin here, as soon as possible. The committee returned home and reported this proposition. Within two hours they were enabled to telegraph Mr. Hooper assurance that his terms would be complied with, and in fifteen hours, the papers were all signed and the contract consummated. A railroad style of business, truly! A survey will be begun in a few days, immediately after which a large force of hands, now waiting at Bastrop, will be put to work here on the proposed line. This, it will be obvious, will bring a considerable amount of money "in these parts"—a consummation devoutly to be wished! We hear our people are promised railroad passage to Lockhart within four months.

We should have said before that this road, through its connections, will give us a nearer route to the Gulf.

Now a word in conclusion. In a matter in which every citizen of our town and vicinity is so obviously deeply interested, there should be no hesitancy on the part of any one of them to contribute, according to his means, to whatever fund may be necessary to secure the right of way. Residents along the line from this place to Lockhart are so deeply interested in the road, that it cannot be supposed they will not deal most liberally with us, and by all of our citizens contributing, the expenses will not be heavy to any. We should think every one here would take pride in having a share in so generally a beneficial enterprise.

We must not forget to add a word concerning the proposed San Marcos Valley road to connect San Marcos with the Sunset. A survey is in progress under our charter by the Sunset people, and the outlook is hopeful for the completion of the road, which would probably be even more important to us than the other one above spoken of.

## The Senatorship.

Five ballots have been taken up to this morning, as follows:

	1	2	3	4	5
Mayer	17	45	43	47	41
Reagan	31	36	39	49	51
Frederick	27	29	33	30	35
Trevelyan	26	25	19	*	*
State ring	1	0	1	1	1

\*Walked out.

From the above it would seem that Reagan is the coming man.

The following unique letter is from a county judge of a county receiving over six thousand dollars per annum for school purposes. We copy from the Statesman:

—Mr. Cooper state superintendent Austin Texas  
Sir I am Short of Blanks Contracts Between Trustees of school communities please send Me By Return Mail at least 30 sheets of contract Blanks and much oblige  
co judge

P. S. There is 10 school communities in this county and there is very few copies of the school law please send Leavitt for each school community or a number 5000.

It would be a good idea for the judge to attend school a short while himself. The best that this letter is from a county judge, who has the schools under his supervision, is one of the greatest arguments for the independent feature of the Missouri educational bill.

## Major Donelson and Gen. Logan.

Our friend, Maj. Donelson, writes us from Kyle to correct an editorial paragraph in our last concerning himself and the late Gen. Logan. We had heard the Major state some time since that Gen. Logan served under him in the Mexican War. So far we were correct, but it seems as to some minor points. We of course never thought of intimating that Major Donelson was not actually entitled to the rank of Major, but his promotion as we supposed was further along in his career than it actually was. We append the Major's explanation with other matter of interest from his letter:

From a reference in the FREE PRESS it might be inferred that Gen. Logan was a member of the company I commanded. This is not true. Gen. Logan was 21 Lieutenant of Company H, Capt. Hampton's company, 5th Reg. Ills. Inf. Vols. (the same regiment I belonged to. So far as it refers to myself it is true that I raised and commanded an Illinois company of the same regiment until the 22d of May, 1847, at which time our regiment was organized at Alton, Ills., where I was elected Major, the duties of which office I discharged from that time until the conclusion of the war.

With regard to the services of Gen. Logan, it is true that he served under my command the entire campaign. After our arrival at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, our regiment was divided into three detachments. I was placed in command of the 1st, which consisted of 4 companies, Capt. Hampton's company (Lieutenant Logan's) being one of them. My command was in advance of the balance of the regiment at Santa Fe Col. Newby, by virtue of his office, became military governor of N. M., Lieut. Col. Boykin being an invalid, the command of the regiment devolved on me, about the middle of November, I was ordered to proceed to Culmintha with a detachment of five companies. Lieutenant Logan was detached from my company as commissary of my command. After proceeding nearly to Paso we were ordered by Brig. Gen. Price to Santa Fe. Upon our return I was ordered by Gen. Price to take command of a military post at Lovings, N. M. Lieutenant Logan was Adjutant of the post until the close of the war. It is but justice to the dead to add that he was an efficient, honest and gallant officer. He and Capt. J. M. Cunningham were two of my most intimate and trusted friends, both of whom served at my quarters much of the time during the campaign.

I. B. DONALSON.

P. S. Capt. J. M. Cunningham afterwards became the father-in-law of Gen. Logan.

I. B. D.

## OUR AUSTIN LETTER.

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Jan. 25, 1887.

Editor FREE PRESS:—The twentieth Legislature has gotten down to earnest work. About three hundred bills have been introduced into the two houses. About a dozen have been acted upon. The first bill introduced was one by Mr. Moore, of Travis, amending our school law. It is one of very great importance and will most likely become a law.

The Governor's inaugural address was listened to with marked attention and is universally commended as one of the ablest documents ever produced by a Texas governor.

The reception tendered Gov. Ross by the citizens of Austin is but a weak indication of the esteem in which he is held here. He assumes the duties of executive under most favorable auspices.

The Speaker of the House, Hon. G. C. Pendleton, is making an excellent presiding officer. He is not a brilliant man, but honest, conservative, and possesses rare abilities as a law maker and presiding officer. He has the confidence and esteem of every member of the XXth Legislature, and will retire from the Speaker's chair at the end of his term, of office with a record unsullied by a single act of his; but in the interest of honest government and an economical administration, will take rank with the wisest presiding officers of the past in Texas history.

The representatives from Hays, Caldwell and Guadalupe are considered among the working members of the House. They have been assigned to the most important committees in the House, and are taking rank with the most prudent of the new members.

Hays county was complimented by the 20th Legislature on its organization.

Mr. Sam H. Dixon was elected Journal Clerk of the House by a very flattering majority on first ballot.

Mr. Douglas, of Kyle, was elected Postmaster of the Senate also by a handsome majority.

Your correspondent will try to keep you posted during the sitting of this body. Accept this as merely an initiative step.

DR. ROSS.

Rev. G. Vogelberg, editor of the San Marcos Cosmos, is a candidate for congress on the best question—Laredo Times

## Pen Points—No. 2.

Texas during the past twelve months has been visited by many and serious misfortunes. Portions of it have seemed to be particularly unfortunate. Suffering from drought in the western part has been severe, and in many places is not yet abated. The lack of plentiful fall rains has been a serious drawback. Many wells, usually unfailing, have become very low, and fears are entertained of a water famine. To a remark of a friend recently that in a certain town not far distant "the people were praying for rain and perhaps we had better remove over there," we felt called upon to respond "that we would rather bore an 'Artesian Well.'" This in fact is the thing to do. Nature's course is not to be changed by all the prayer that people, ignorant of her laws, may utter. Reason and science should come to the front, and we may be sure of good results. And is not every effort in the right direction a prayer—an active one—if carried forward in the right direction?

God gives the reason and the strength for us to use, and the results will be successful or otherwise, according to the good or poor way in which we work. Probably portions of Texas will have to depend upon irrigation from artesian wells with appliances for that purpose. This, making science the handmaid of nature, we will escape the trouble and suffering arising from such drought and failure of crops as have made the past year so disastrous to hundreds of our people. M. C. B. Hico, Texas.

## Gov. Ross' Message.

The message following Gov. Ross' inaugural, in which questions of State policy were elaborately presented, leaves little or no interest to the public beyond the Governor's suggestion of special subjects for legislation. These subjects are revenue and taxation, penitentiaries, public lands, stock interests, State troops and militia, the railroad amendments to the Constitution and laws, and a prohibitory amendment, to which last subject he alludes as follows:

There are many conscientious, honest advocates of prohibition as a remedy for the admitted evils of intemperance in our state, who believe that this is one of the great political questions which should be decided by an appeal to the ballot-box, while there are others equally conscientious and patriotic who do not believe that temperance can be decreed, created or produced by any process under the operation of prohibition enactments. In considering this question, it is proper we should bear in mind that in our country the people are recognized as the origin and seat of political power, and that constitutions flow from their instead of being concessions to them, being simply a rule of action defined by themselves. I therefore suggest to your honorable bodies the propriety of submitting to the people the question of an amendment of this character as you, in your wisdom, may coincide or dissent from the will of the people. The respective members of your honorable bodies are free from the people and know their minds, and your course upon this matter will be accepted by all good citizens as definite and authoritative.

The subject of railroads is treated at considerable length. One extract touching the practice of pooling rates, against which Gov. Ross recommends heroic legislation, is particularly interesting:

If our laws and Constitution are wrong, they should be changed, but we should never submit to have them defiled and misapplied. Better the unmet needs of business and the constant equality of rates than this, and better the total abolition of railroads with all their blessings and benefits than that a few men in the distant locality should possess and exercise the power to levy an exaction at any moment upon our people by a change in transportation rates which, if done by the constituted authorities of the State, would precipitate a political revolution. I respectfully suggest to your honorable bodies the propriety of enacting that hereafter pooling or combination between railroads and other common carriers shall be deemed unlawful, and if any officer, agent, servant or employee thereof shall enter into or execute any agreement of that character, or shall open or assist in operating a railroad under such an agreement, or shall knowingly aid or assist in the operation of a railroad under such an agreement, he shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and be imprisoned in the penitentiary for a proper term of years. Our laws of conspiracy might also be amended to embrace the same transactions and thus put a stop to a practice which has frequently been stigmatized by the courts as a criminal conspiracy against the public.

Gov. Ross also favors a quarantine against cattle disease, and speaks of the stock interest of the State as follows:

This great interest of our State is surrounded by many serious embarrassments and depressing agencies. Under existing conditions the stock-raiser can not reach a profitable market with the product of his herd by railway, and if he resorts to the long and expensive overland drive, he scarcely passes the border of his own State before he is victimized by the exactions of jealous and hostile neighboring States through the agency of quarantine and inspection laws, and when at last he reaches a market, after submitting to all these impositions, he falls an easy prey into the hands of merciless moneyed syndicates, who drive him to the limit of his endurance at their own terms. The State will not sell him land upon which to keep his stock, nor protect him from the exactions of those who fraudulently invade such privileges as it does sell to him, and by this unstable and constantly changing policy, he is wholly unable to make prudent provision for the safe custody of his herds, and, in addition to this, his great industry is now seriously threatened with an invasion of the field of game of game-preservation. It is stated by competent authority that over 500,000 worth of improved cattle have already been introduced and are scattered in the vicinity of Chicago, and it is supposed that that is not far from the number of the same kind that have been introduced, and also a large number of some were destroyed a few months ago in Canada. It is further stated that England has lost over \$400,000,000 since the ravages of plague, produced by the introduction of the same kind of cattle, have been introduced, and that the same kind of cattle is a very short time

## Interstate Commerce Bill—What is Thought of it in Railroad Circles.

The final passage of the interstate commerce bill created no special excitement, but evoked considerable discussion in railroad circles yesterday, it being universally conceded that the President would sign the measure and that it would be in force by April 1. It is the universal opinion of local traffic men that the bill means disorganization and reorganization as well. The present pooling arrangements cannot be continued in conformity with the provisions of the new law, and new measures will be adopted. That the commercial centers of the country will be the principal sufferers is clearly demonstrated, as the railroads must protect their local traffic, which to them will mean existence. It is predicted that there will be an immediate advance in rates, when the law goes into effect, and that the railroads will not suffer as much as the producer, for they will receive more money for both local and through business, while the producer will receive less for his products. Shipments of live stock from the west will be largely curtailed, and dressed beef establishments will spring up instead. In discussing the passage of the bill yesterday, a railroad official said:

"Within two years' time the producer will be clamoring for repeal of the law. While it will compel the railroads to advance rates and form new agreements, in fact to commence at the foundation and rebuild the structure of tariffs, it will also compel the producer to bear his share of the burden, and he will be first to complain, for he will suffer most. This is the only measure of such vast importance which the railroads have not attempted to defeat in the lobby, which is sufficient evidence of the fact that they are willing to experiment with it."

## The Saloon in Politics.

There is no instrumentality or agency that exerts so large an influence in politics as the saloon, from Congress hall to county precinct. That political aspirants seek its aid is no matter of wonder. If its influence were exerted for the purity of the ballot, for the elevation of statesmanship and the general welfare of the nation, then it could be welcomed as a great boon of blessing to our country. But its influence is all in the opposite direction. It corrupts political life, subverts the aims of the ballot and debases not only those who come in immediate contact with it, but the whole nation.

If a corrupt man seeks office, the saloon is his chief helper. Look political life over from end to end of our country, and no dishonest, fraudulent, corrupt man can be found in office but goes hand in hand with the saloon, and the saloon in turn, is his chief assistant. No power can purify the ballot while the saloon stands open. Where do corrupt politicians assemble? Where did the Chicago anarchists meet? Where gather the men who buy and sell votes? The saloon is the common resort of all forms of corruption in political life. Even the political integrity left in the nation must go, or the saloon must go. The raw power must rule and ruin, or be ruled and ruined. The battle has been fairly begun. Honest men must stand to the front or knaves must soon rule the nation. As to the influence of the saloon in society, we quote a few trenchant words from George Frederec Parnass: He says:

"There is no evil which operates so directly and with such disastrous potency against the family as the saloon. In fact, it is the direct enemy of domestic happiness, purity and peace. Even in its mildest manifestations it alienates men from their homes, creates in them habits of self-indulgence, gives them sensual interests apart from their families, and brings into competition with the innocent recreations of the home circle coarse, vulgar and extravagant amusements. In its more pronounced operations, it steps at no such trifles as the production of mere discontent, but proceeding without disguise, turns men into wild beasts, and then lets them loose upon their families. What makes this especially shocking is that we are all acquainted with its truth, yet that we have hitherto tolerated it passively."

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" Boots	- - -	2 50
" Shoes	- - -	1 00
" Hats	- - -	40
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" Hats	- - -	50
Ladies' Shoes	- - -	80
Misses' "	- - -	60
Ladies' Newmarkets	- - -	5 00
Misses' "	- - -	2 50
Children's "	- - -	2 00
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